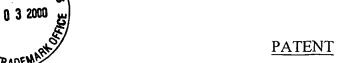
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application filed herewith, please enter the following preliminary amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS

In the claims 32, 33, 34, 37, 38 and 39, line one, please delete "recording/reproducing method" and insert--recording apparatus--

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 13, line 11, please delete "prohibition" and insert--permission--

On page 44, line 12, please delete "prohibition" and insert--permission--

On page 27, line 13, please delete "a distance from the rotation center becomes equal"

and insert-the regions are formed as concentric circles around the rotation center-

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